

## SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *Antigone*

### **Prologue and Parodos:**

1. How are Antigone and Ismene related?
2. Who are the two brothers mentioned in the prologue?
3. How did the two brothers die?
4. What is King Creon's decree?
5. What does Antigone plan to do?
6. What is Ismene's decision regarding the King's decree?
7. What does the Choragos compare Polyneices to in the Parodos?
8. What city has "seven gates in a yawning ring"?
9. What does the Chorus compare Thebes to?
10. According to the Choragos, what does God hate?

### **Scene 1 and Ode 1:**

1. Who is the new King of Thebes?
2. How did the new King of Thebes claim heir to the throne?
3. What crime has Polyneices committed in the opinion of the king?
4. What news does the sentry bring to Creon?
5. How was it decided which of the sentries would bring the news about Polyneices to Creon?
6. How does Creon believe the act of burying Polyneices was carried out?
7. What does Creon demand that the sentry do?
8. According to Ode 1, what is the most wonderful of all the world's wonders?
9. Of all the winds, man has made himself secure against all except one. Which wind is that?
10. List man's accomplishments according to Ode 1.

### **Scene 2 and Ode 2:**

1. Who has the sentry captured and brought before King Creon?
2. How did the guards manage to capture Antigone?
3. How did Antigone react to being captured by the sentries?
4. What reason does Antigone give for defying Creon's decree?
5. Who else does Creon have arrested in connection with the crime of burying Polyneices?
6. Why is Antigone angry with Ismene?
7. Besides being Antigone's uncle, how else were Creon and Antigone related?
8. What is to be Antigone's punishment for burying her brother?
9. According to Ode 2, who is the fortunate man?
10. Who is the god who must not be made angry, according to Ode 2?